

FOREST BIOMASS MEETING NOTES

June 9, 2011

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review Bridget Moran, DNR
1:10 – 1:20 p.m.	Discussion of previous meeting's minutes Bridget Moran, DNR
1:20 – 2:30 p.m.	Discussion of work plan Bridget & group
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Biomass field tour objectives Group
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Wrap – up Bridget Moran, DNR

Attendees:

Dick Miller – WFFA
Marty Acker – NOAA
David Whipple – WDFW
Pete Heide – WFFA
Eveleen Muehlethaler – PTPC
George Cave – PTPC
Bill Hermann – Hermann Bros. Logging
Ed Tolan – Nippon Paper
Chris Mendoza – WFLC
Nancy Sturhan – NWIFC
Kara Whittaker – WFLC
Doug Hooks – WFFA
Peter Goldman – WFLC Conservation Caucus

DNR Staff:

Bridget Moran – Deputy Supervisor
Craig Partridge – Policy Director
Darin Cramer – Forest Practices Division Manager
Marc Engel – Forest Practices Asst.

Introductions – The group did a round of introductions, Craig Partridge announced that he would represent DNR State Lands in these discussions.

Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) – The group was convened by the Commissioner of Public Lands, and is staffed by DNR. Given that the Biomass workgroup is not a Forest Practices Board subcommittee, nor one that the Board has chartered to address biomass, the OPMA requirements were not triggered; however DNR has and will post notes, agendas, and related documents on the DNR Forest Practices website for full transparency.

UW Supply – Craig discussed the UW supply study public meetings. Participants asked for DNR to share both the east and west side meeting announcements with the group. DNR agreed.

General Discussion on Workplan –

- Full walk through of the work plan and its timelines, expectations, and products.
- Request by participants to please share electronically the FP illustrated to the group.
- Perhaps a “biomass board manual” would be good to develop, might be helpful to identify how to “do biomass”.
- Field Tours – east side too!
 - Objectives
 - What and why?
 - How representative is the site?
 - Discussion about economics of biomass/moisture content/quality
 - Pre and post activity (What about where you would not do biomass harvest)